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To:

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SUBJECT:

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION MEETING ON HEALTH AND

HOMELAND SECURITY

This is to notify you that Department of Public Health (DPH) has been invited by the National Governors Association to participate in a conference in Washington, D.C. on April 26-27, 2012 regarding homeland security and fusion center efforts with local public health agencies. DPH staff who are involved in the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) will attend. As you may know, DPH participates in the local JRIC, and DPH's efforts are viewed as a model nationally.

Attendees will include a group of state health departments, public health organizations, state homeland security advisors, and state fusion center directors. Based on the experts meeting, the NGA will produce both an issue brief as well as a webcast that provides all governors' offices with a description of the challenges of public health information sharing; state practices in successful information sharing; and recommendations to improve state homeland security use of public health data.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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